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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-14 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Huxter (2002/0103724).

Re Claim 1: Huxter discloses attempting a delivery at a primary location; and if the delivery fails, delivering the parcel to a preferred redirection location; wherein the preferred redirection location is selected by the recipient (see 109 in Figure 8).

Re Claim 2: Huxter discloses further comprising notifying the recipient that the parcel has been delivered to the preferred redirection location (see 340 in Figure 10A).

Re Claim 3: Huxter discloses wherein the notification step comprises sending an email to the recipient (see 1207 in Figure 4 and [0123]).

Re Claim 4: Huxter discloses wherein the notification step comprises sending a SMS message to the recipient (see 1206 in Figure 4 and [0123]).

Re Claim 5: Huxter discloses wherein the notification step comprises batching manual records of deliveries (see [0182]).

Re Claim 6: Huxter discloses further comprising the recipient communicating with a delivery service to change the redirection location (see [0102]).

Re Claim 7: Huxter discloses wherein prior to step (a), the method further comprises registering with a delivery service (see Figure 8).

Re Claim 8: Huxter discloses wherein the registration step comprises providing the preferred redirection location to the delivery service (see Figure 8).

Re Claim 9: Huxter discloses wherein the registration step comprises providing the primary location to the delivery service (see Figure 8).

Re Claim 10: Huxter discloses wherein the registration step comprises generating an identifier unique to the recipient (see 101-106 in Figure 8).

Re Claim 11: Huxter discloses wherein the registration step comprises generating an identifier unique to the transaction (see 211 in Figure 9).

Re Claim 12: Huxter discloses wherein the primary location is a residential address of the recipient (see [0018]) and Figure 39).

Re Claim 13: Huxter discloses further comprising: if the delivery to the preferred redirection location fails, delivering the parcel to a secondary redirection location (see Figure 40).

Re Claim 14: Huxter discloses wherein the secondary redirection location is a default redirection location selected by a delivery organization (see [0234]).

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fawaad Haider whose telephone number is 571-272-7178. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Ryan Zeender can be reached on 571-272-6790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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